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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Deepak Rao
Group Art Unit : 1624
Applicants : Guy W. Bemis et al.
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the September 11, 2000 Office Action issued in the above-identified application.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a). With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including March 12, 2001.*

* The last day for responding to the communication with a three-month extension is March 11, 2001, which falls on a Sunday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, applicants may submit this response on the next business day.

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